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Sharon,

Thank you for your reply, and yes I do have some suggestions regarding the rulemaking.

There is a need for small low powered radio stations, that don't solicit advertising nor commercial revenue. However, the rules are some what vague or misleading at best. Where as the jurisdiction ends at 100 watts, anything less than that is considered illegal. Even with a 100 milliwatt transmitter, with good transmission line and a one bay unit, the signal is going to go further than 100 feet.

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There should be an allowance for 20 year radio vets like myself to put together community radio stations, in the same vien as the proposed digital tv outlets. Whereas it is not illegal to solicit advertising for a low powered digital tv outlet, (assuming that one has purchased the license), the same allowances should be made for low powered radio. Even if the current goal is to get the public to become digitized.

Although there are rules against low powered or the less friendly discription of 'pirate' radio. I would like to see it based on what one is putting on the air. Outlets for school broadcasts and public service groups are a must, and the larger stations don't make time and/ or the community groups cannot afford the air time. One should have prior professional radio experience and knowledge in order to acquire a low powered license per say.

I hope the FCC takes my suggestions under consideration, because the last thing I want to be is an illegal outlet. I would much rather be a community voice.

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